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Jefferson Elementary students say THANKS for funding their Science with Sizzle grant project.

SHOUT – OUT - So many good things are going on in the Dickinson Public Schools. Each school has its unique story. Jefferson Elementary has a focus on Science/STEM at their school. Dickinson High School recently sponsored a SMORE challenge to Pay it Forward. Berg Elementary has a World Drumming Music Program which is awesome. Prairie Rose Elementary has adopted Steven Covey's Leader in Me to develop student leadership skills. The Foundation helped sponsor Science with Sizzle and Sphero Robots at Jefferson plus training for Prairie Rose on the Leader in Me and much more. We recently had grant recipients from last year attend a Foundation meeting to share their grant project story. Their stories validate that our grant dollars are making a difference in our schools. Thank you for your support!

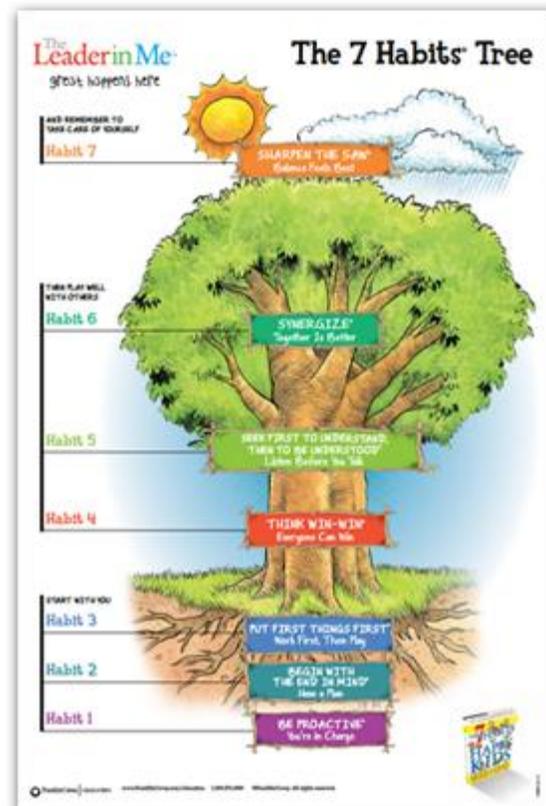
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Prairie Rose Sponsors Leadership Day

Prairie Rose Elementary recently held their first Leadership Day on March 9. They invited several area sponsors and leaders. We were greeted by student ambassadors who gave a tour of the school. Their Lighthouse Team gave an overview of the 7 Habits they use daily; we enjoyed a music performance plus witnessed how they use the 7 Habits in the classroom. Students have taken ownership of their school and are developing 21st Century Leadership and life skills.



"What I spent is gone:

What I kept, I lost:

But what I gave away will be mine forever."

Ethel Percy Andrus

The Leader in Me is based on the idea that every child can be a leader. The Leader in me helps students learn how to become self-reliant, manage their emotions, set and track goals, do their homework, prioritize their time, increase interpersonal skills — such as resolving conflicts and interacting well with others—and develop the skills and self-confidence to successfully lead their lives. It uses universal, timeless principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal. These are things that employers want their employees to know.

I am sharing them with you because I think they are good habits for both students and adults to follow.



Habit 1 – Be Proactive

You're in Charge: I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.



Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind

Have a Plan: I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.



Habit 3 – Put First Things First

Work First, Then Play: I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.



Habit 4 – Think Win – Win

Everyone Can Win: I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.



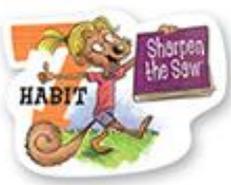
Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

Listen Before You Talk: I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.



Habit 6 – Synergize

Together is Better: I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.



Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw

Balance Feels Best: I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I find meaningful ways to help others.

Shout – Out – Mr. Haynes class at Prairie Rose uses Shout – Outs where students catch other students/staff doing things good. They fill out a Shout-Out slip and they are read out loud on Fridays. I love this idea to promote positive feedback.

Challenge – Can you incorporate these 7 Habits into your daily lives?

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